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Indonesia

A new Presidential Decree allows the imposition of "quarantine" fees on a wide range of agricultural commodities and products for a wide range of services. The proposed fees in some cases could add significant costs to U.S. products. The proposal appears to be WTO inconsistent because different fees would be levied on the same products depending on if it is being imported, exported or shipped within the country. Implementation on this decree is awaiting Ministry of Agriculture implementing regulations. It is unclear when such regulations might be issued or when they will be notified to the WTO.

An important aspect of this decree is that it will allow the Agriculture Quarantine Agency (Badan Karantina Pertanian-Barantin) to impose various fees on imported, exported, and inter-regional distribution of agricultural products, including meat and egg products. Quarantine procedures which are subject to fees will include animal products (for food and non-food) and animal products (processed).

Source: USDA/FAS

Canada

Health Canada is proposing regulatory changes which would expand the list of irradiated foods allowed to be sold in Canada. The proposed amendments would be made to the existing provisions in the Canadian Food and Drug Regulations. Currently wheat, flour, whole wheat flour, potatoes, onions, whole and ground spices and dehydrated seasoning preparations are the only foods permitted to be irradiated and sold in Canada. The proposed additions to the table are: fresh and frozen ground beef, fresh and frozen poultry, prepackaged fresh, frozen, prepared and dried shrimp and prawns, and mangoes.

According to Health Canada, the approved areas of use in the U.S. include the areas of use covered in the Canadian regulatory proposal with the exception of shrimps and prawns, but consideration is being given by the US government to new proposed uses of the food irradiation for control of food borne pathogens in crustaceans and processed crustaceans. Health Canada claims that both consumers and industry are likely to benefit from the longer durable shelf life of irradiated foods as a result of the reduction of spoilage bacteria in these foods. In the case of the irradiation of refrigerated fresh chicken, the durable life was found to be in the range of 14 to 22 days, a period two to three times that of non-irradiated fresh chicken. Health Canada's proposal was published in The Canada Gazette, Part I, on November 23, 2002.

Source: USDA/FAS

Poland - European Union Membership

Assuming upcoming agricultural chapter negotiations between Poland and the EU are completed before the end of 2002, Poland will likely schedule a referendum on membership in May 2003, and officially join the EU in May 2004. When Poland becomes an EU member, it will become a voting member of the EU with the same number of EU Council votes as Spain beginning January 1,

2005. Current Polish opinion polls record 55-60 percent of Poles favor Poland's EU accession indicating that passage of the referendum looks probable.

The United States directly exported \$94.8 million worth of agricultural, forestry and seafood products to Poland in 2001 with poultry and red meat products, dairy products and plywood being the top commodities. Indirect U.S. exports to Poland also occur but are not always captured in U.S. Census export statistics.

Current agricultural trade policy issues between the United States and the EU will spread to the EU's largest new member state. Current EU veterinary restrictions on U.S. poultry and red meat will virtually cut off U.S. exports of these products to Poland which amounted to \$59 million in 2001. Poland will rigidly implement EU requirements as early as six months prior to actual accession. This would mean that such restrictions could arise as early as July 2003 if it appears that the Polish government will be successful in its bid to join the EU by January 2004 although the latest likely accession date is mid-2004.

Total 2001 imports of chicken meat increased by 35 percent because of higher imports from the EU. As a part of the Poland - EU Double Zero agreement, Poland established in March 2001 a 21,000 ton duty free import quota for poultry meat from the EU. This elimination of tariffs for the EU and the relatively low exchange rate of the Euro versus the Polish zloty resulted in a significant increase of imports of poultry meat from the EU at the expense of imports from the United States. As a result, imports of poultry meat from the U.S. dropped by over 50 percent in 2001. It is forecast that imports from the U.S. will continue to decline in 2003 while imports from the EU will increase.

In 2002, the import quota for non-EU poultry meat totals 47,736 tons. The within quota tariff rate is 30 percent (min. 0.3 EUR/kg) while the above quota tariff rate is 60 percent (min. 0.6 EUR/kg).

Source : USDA/FAS

Association Agreement between the European Union and Lebanon.

Lebanon is the eighth of nine non-candidate members of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union. The conclusion of this Agreement is one more step towards creating a Euro-Mediterranean Free Trade Area by 2010. The Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between Lebanon and the European Union was signed on June 17, 2002. At the same time, an Interim Agreement was signed to enable the immediate application of the trade-related provisions before the Association Agreement goes through the lengthy ratification process by the European and Lebanese parliaments. The ratification process can take up to three years. So far, Association Agreements have been concluded with Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority (Interim Agreement) and Tunisia. Negotiations with Syria are at a less advanced stage.

Source: USDA/FAS

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

and

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION

NOT AVAILABLE

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

27-DEC-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00			
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	918,000	81,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.80	11.04		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00-11.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

27-DEC-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-16.00	13.00-13.50	1,008,000	738,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.03	13.44		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50	10.50-14.50	1,761,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.50	12.12		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 DECEMBER 2002.

The market remains seasonally slow on bulk parts and meat items. Inquiry limited with a steady at best undertone. Export demand and trading was very light. Work schedules less than full time and continues through the New Year holiday. All activity seasonal. Correction for 12-26-02 Breast trim should read 84 cents.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.57	212	19.19	628
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	18.00	162	18.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	18.00	104	18.00	104
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	16.00	40		
		T	60.52	248	59.47	288

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.57	212
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00		18.00	162
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	18.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	16.00	40
		T	60.52	248

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2002

NO REPORTING DUE TO CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.57	212
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	104
TAILS		W	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	16.00	40
	58.00-62.50		60.52	248

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	416
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	21.25	208
TAILS		W	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	16.00	40
	53.00		53.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/
Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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